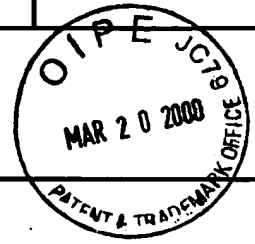


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Invention: **PROSTHETIC REPAIR OF BODY PASSAGES**



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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed February 2, 2000,
please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Five Times Amended) A prosthesis for insertion into a body passage comprising [an] a pair of annular [spring] springs and a flexible, tubular graft attached to said [spring] springs, wherein said graft includes a pair of opposed ends, [one of said ends of said graft being more resilient than the other of said ends of said graft] said spring elements being attached to each of said free ends of said graft.

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Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Three Times Amended) The prosthesis of claim 12 wherein [said] at least one spring has a circular cross-section when undeformed, and said at least one spring is formed by a plurality of circularly oriented wire strands formed of a

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